

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0056499 of Shirai et al. ("Shirai").

Status of Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 10, and 14 have been amended to more properly define a preexisting claim limitation. The amended claims are supported by the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

Applicant would like to thank Examiner for the telephone interview on November 18, 2005 regarding the above-mentioned application. Examiner agreed during the interview that the proposed amendment to claims 1, 6, 10, and 14 to explicitly recite the definition of a "private IP address space" as is well known in the art was sufficient to distinguish Shirai, as Shirai does not disclose or suggest a private IP address space.

Therefore, claims 1, 6, 10, and 14, as amended, as well as their respective dependent claims are patentable in view of Shirai and should be allowed.

Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks and amended the claims as indicated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with this communication, please charge our deposit account no. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the

prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elena Dreszer at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,
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